

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to The Applicants' amendment, received 6/20/2005.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-72.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 30 June 2000 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 3/7/01, 10/28/04
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-72 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding independent claims 1, 4, 27, and 30, the prior art (e.g. U.S. Patent No. 6,330,976 to Dymetman et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,486,686 to Zdybel, Jr. et al., and U.S. Patent No. 6,101,532 to Horibe et al.) teaches printing, as a paper, data-entry form, encoded data such that the user may apply a sensing device to the paper in order execute various computer functions indicated by the encoded data. Moreover, the prior art teaches that such encoded paper forms may be used for various applications, including email conferencing, whereby users compose messages with the forms and transmit the messages via facsimile, and whereupon reception, the messages and the encoded data is printed. Prior art email applications generally maintain a tree of versions of the email messages between users, the tree indicating the identities of the email messages. The prior art further teaches that the encoded data of the forms may comprise an identity of the form, and other information for indicating various executable functions associated with the paper. The prior art, however, does not teach faxing or transmitting such a form having a first identity encoded within it, and receiving, as the claimed recipient conferencing form, the image of the form, whereby the encoded identity of the recipient conferencing form is different from the original form, as is expressed in each of claims 1, 4, 27, and 30.

As each of claims 2-3, 5-26, 28-29, and 31-72 depend on claim 1, 4, 27, or 30, and include all of the limitation of claim 1, 4, 27, or 30, claims 2-3, 5-26, 28-29, and 31-72 are considered allowable for the reasons in which claims 1, 4, 27, and 30 are allowed.

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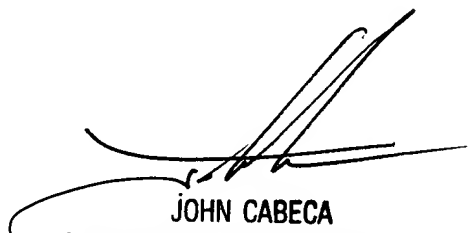
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Blaine Basom whose telephone number is (571) 272-4044. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571) 272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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